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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL RIAD'S COMMENTS
- ON ISRAELI WEST BANK PROPOSAL

1. IN TALK WITH AMBASSADOR, AL SYG MAHMOUD RIAD WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF ISRAELI WEST BANK/GAZA PROPOSAL. HE DESCRIBED IT TO AMBASSADOR AS "SAME OLD ISRAELI TRICKS." IF HE HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN ISRAELI ANNEXATION AND NEWLY PROPOSED SELF-RULE, EVEN THE FORMER WOULD BE BETTER. WEST BANK INHABITANTS WOULD AT LEAST BE CITIZENS. UNDER BEGIN PLAN, THEY ARE NOTHING. EVEN THE MINIMAL AUTHORITY ALLEGEDLY EXTENDED TO THEM IN ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AND VARIOUS PROPOSED DEPARTMENTS IS SUBJECT TO ISRAELI VETO, IF "PUBLIC ORDER" IS INVOLVED. "PUBLIC ORDER" IS EVEN MORE AMBIGUOUS PHRASE THAN SECURITY AND, AS RIAD VIEWS IT, ENABLES THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TO INTERFERE AT ANY TIME.

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2. WHILE BEGIN PLAN SPEAKS OF POSSIBILITY THAT WEST BANK ARABS MAY OPT FOR ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP, RIAD INSISTS THIS IS ANOTHER RUSE. ISRAELI LAW IS SUCH THAT IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY ARAB TO BECOME AN ISRAELI CITIZEN. RIAD DISMISSED THE ISRAELI COMMITMENT TO "REVIEW" THE SITUATION IN FIVE YEARS TIME, CONTENDING THIS WILL SIMPLY

INVOLVE EXTENDING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANOTHER PERIOD OF TIME. AS RIAD SEES IT, THE BEGIN PLAN IS DISGUISED ANNEXATION. LEAVING OPEN FOR THE TIME BEING THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE WEST BANK SHOULD NOT FOOL ANYONE. ISRAELIS INTEND TO KEEP THE WEST BANK AND GAZA AND BEGIN PROPOSAL IS THE FIRST STEP TO INSURE THAT THIS HAPPENS. RIAD SCOFFED AT SUGGESTION THAT BEGIN HAS COME A LONG WAY IN HIS THINKING. HE INSISTED BEGIN PROPOSAL IS SAME OLD ISRAELI GUESS THAT HE HAD HEARD FOR PAST THIRTY YEARS.

3. RIAD SAYS HE BRIEFED FOUNMIN KAMEL AND MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI ON THE "HIDDEN TRICKS" IN THE BEGIN PROPOSAL. HE ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE MADE THESE POINTS TO VISITING FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT.

4. RIAD NOTED THAT JORDAN HAS ALREADY REJECTED THE BEGIN PROPOSAL. THIS MEANS THAT SADAT'S HOPE OF GETTING HUSSEIN INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS AT AN EARLY STAGE IS DASHED. EILTS

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